

PRESIDENT'S AIMS DUE TO ANCIENT THINKING

Wilson, Calmly Urging League as People Fight H. C. of L., Loath to Admit Public Mind Is Altered

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Washington, Sept. 6.—The failure of Paris is repeating itself at Washington. The blindness of Paris is the blindness of Washington. The lack of leadership of Paris is the lack of leadership of Washington. Same man, same essential problem, same result.

The war has changed the world in ways that no one yet fully understands. President Wilson not only does not fully understand the changed world, but it seems that he can only be brought with difficulty to see that it has been changed and he stands before the new thing resentful and incredulous, all his stock of old formulae rendered useless.

He failed in Europe because he went over there to chart the new world which the war had created and found that he did not know the new world when he met it.

The people of Europe wanted a leader. They hailed him as a Moses. They examined the contents of his mind and regretfully turned their backs upon him.

America as the only country "unchanged" by the war. They talked confidently of how labor in England was restricting production and at the same time forcing up wages. America, they thought, was an industrial Arcady, where labor never troubled.

Read the story of more than 100,000 additional employes on the railroads, costing \$200,000,000 a year extra wages, with a reduced output. The thing is true not only of the government-operated railroads—it is true generally. Wilson foresaw none of these things. He foresaw none of the factors which have contributed to the state of the public mind, so brutally described to him the other day. He did not even see the state of the public mind itself until he had it forced upon his attention.

Victories Have Been Minor

Grant him a couple of victories since his return, the temporary silencing of the labor agitators and the forcing of the foreign relations committee of the Senate to come to him and afford him an opportunity to get his case on the treaty before the country. "They were mere local gains and minor."

They leave him where he was, with the state of the public mind where it was when the seven Danielians interpreted it for him; the seven conservative Danielians to whom his heart turns now for guidance after seeing what radicals come to in Russia and hearing radicalism shout rowdily under his White House windows at home.

The exploit of Messrs. Plumb and Stone was a dream of three clever but over-imaginative young press agents. It failed because they understood the state of the public mind no better than anybody else. The President spoke. The people listened to him instead of to the demonstrators.

Gompers Held as Hostage

But nothing is settled and the labor radicals have a hostage in the person of Mr. Wilson's good friend, Mr. Gompers. Mr. Wilson achieved delay, not leadership.

As for his constructive program, if he can be said to have one, you cannot find a man in Washington who thinks that the President's high cost of living proposals will accomplish anything substantial toward mitigating the conditions which inflame the state of the public mind. It was not statesmanship. It was not leadership. It was minor politics which took advantage of the embarrassment of the opposition, who, though in control of Congress, had done nothing to relieve the high cost of living and who were even on the point of going on a vacation when Mr. Wilson sharply reminded them that the public was not happy over the steadily mounting prices.

The Republicans could not raise an issue on the high cost of living. To raise one was to play into the hands of Plumb and Stone to stir up the radicalism which the Republicans fear.

The President was the beneficiary of a conspiracy of silence and of the weakness and incompetency of the opposition. His little victory was easily won.

On the lower level of party leadership there is the same uncertainty. To blunder from the hands of Burleson into those of Cummings is not leadership. It is floundering. It may be lucky floundering. But it is still floundering.

And of that floundering the unwise half surrender on reservations before the Senate committee, the Pittman resolutions, the excessive number of spokesmen the President has in the Senate, the insecurity any agent of his feels and his incapacity to act with confidence, are all a part.

Puzzle: Find the Leadership

Nor is leadership discernible elsewhere. Certainly not among the disorganizers. Republicans, whose policy is "watchful waiting," avoiding issues unless Mr. Wilson forces one upon them and then deciding upon that, regarding the state of the public mind with interest, hope and fear, but with inability to understand it or guide it.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, an anarchist, Clemenconu, eighty years old, who has no real conception of the social problems of his country today. People have been saying for months that he has outlived his usefulness.

But who else is better?

No one.

Wilson belongs to the past just as much as Clemenconu. If he did not he would not have had to be told what Homer Cummings told him a few days ago.

The world is not being led; it is leading. The students of the state of public mind would like to know where. But they have too much of the past in their own minds to understand the present.

It is a large contract to furnish leadership in such a time of change as this. But a democracy is entitled to leadership. The man in Wilson's position who hasn't it fails. That is how the failure of Paris is being repeated at Washington. With what consequences no one can yet see.

But every one regards anxiously the state of the public mind.

Superficial, But Imperative

Clearly a sketchy and superficial picture of the state of the public mind, drawn by men who did not understand it fully themselves, but could read its dangerous portents, for a man who hopped seeing anything, who had his fourteen points and who had to be told what his own people were thinking.

One cannot lead people unless he knows them and Wilson had ceased to know his own people before last election. He had known them he would not have committed the blunders that he did—his failure to put his own case in them or to have anyone competent to put his case to them, and his final presumptuous request for support as a personal right, the master stroke of Burleson that elected a Republican Senate and House of Representatives.

Sees Only Pre-War Status

There is no leadership without vision. And Wilson has shown no vision into the social future. When the armistice was signed the President saw a swift return to pre-war conditions.

"It is surprising," he exclaimed, "how fast the process of return to a peace footing has moved in the three weeks since the fighting has stopped!"

And he proceeded to scrap all the war organizations, the food and fuel administrations and the war industries board, to get the country, as he put it, "out of leading strings."

In a similar way he played a large part in disorganizing the interrelated war combinations, a step which added to the difficulties of central and eastern Europe and destroyed his own peace of mind later at Paris. He afterward retraced his step in Europe. Now he is obtaining legislation in Washington permitting him to retrace his steps in America. That is not vision. It is blindness.

He and his advisers failed utterly to know how deep the war had affected the social structure in America.

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